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[redacted] a delegation of the Soviet Admiralty appeared at VEB Askania in early 1954 and ordered the resumption of the production of the equipment which, during the war, had been built by the Busch Firm in Rathenow under the name of "Roeder 40". This equipment is needed for submarines and is a model for the imitation of all trimming effects, including those produced by the raising of the periscope. It is fitted with 21 motors to show the various operating effects. The firm declared that it no longer possessed any drawings or models of this equipment. The delegation thereupon promised to furnish the firm with a model and, on 28 July 1954, on reappearing at the plant with a model, concluded a contract for the equipment. At the same time, Minister Rau promised that VEB Askania would build the equipment as an extra order not included in the plan. The total order was for 42 sets each costing 85,000 eastmarks. A batch of five sets were ordered for delivery by the end of 1954.

2. VEB Askania allegedly received a further order from the Sea Police for the development of a mine detection equipment. The first three prototypes were scheduled to be delivered to the Sea Police in early August. The total order amounted to a value of 800,000 eastmarks. Mass production was made difficult by shortages of raw materials.

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